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had obtained a respite of one year, until he should repent and acknowledge that he had misconceived the phrase "implicated, &c.," that he was satisfied that all the charges of being "misguided and unworthy, meant no more than to be suspected of being misguided, &c.;" but although Dr. Dickson had not in this stage of the business been called upon for an apology, these gentlemen thought it more advisable that he should pass unnoticed than that Mr. Porter should proceed with his resolutions, and take a review of their own conduct. They perceived a feeling in favour of Dr. Dickson, that he had been more sinned against than sinning, therefore, they were anxious to get quit of the business as quietly as possible, after blustering so much at a former meeting about expulsion.

(To be continued.)

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

IF the following suppositious case were submitted to the Attorney General, for his opinion, what would his opinion be?

TO HIS MAJESTY'S ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Sir,

A number of Roman Catholics in this Kingdom are desirous of forming societies on the principle of the Orange and Purple societies, but as they at the same time, do not wish to violate the law, they solicit your opinion on the following queries.

1st. Whether Roman Catholics have the same right to form societies exclusively Catholic, that the Orangemen have to form societies exclusively Protestant; their object being the same, viz. "to support our good King and Constitution, and the Protestant succession to the throne, in

his Majesty's illustrious house?"*

2d. Whether, in the event of their forming these societies, they may not wear orange ribbons as emblems, or ribbons of any other colour they may chuse to adopt? Whether they may parade on certain days with insignia, banners, music, &c.?

3d. Whether one of their own body, who is not a magistrate, may administer the necessary oaths?

4th. Whether, in the event of an attempt being made to disperse them,† they may not resist by force; or whether an action would not lie against any person so attempting to disperse them?‡

To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.

IN addition to my former Queries respecting a phenomenon in Astronomy, I would beg leave to ask, is not the Northern Constellation of *Cassiopeia* a very conspicuous one, containing several contiguous stars of the first and second magnitudes? And yet it is described in one of Cicero's verses thus:

Obscurâ specie stellarum Cassiopeia.

De Natura Deorum, 2d Book.

I would also take the liberty to suggest, that as the majority of your readers are such as may not have ready access to a celestial globe or planisphere, it might contribute to general entertainment, if some of your correspondents attempted a de-

* This is neither more nor less than what Catholics as well as Protestants are already sworn to; so it cannot be amiss to swear it over again.

† This can hardly be expected, as these societies will be bottomed on Loyalty.

‡ According to Judge Daly's opinion, processions are perfectly innocent in Orangemen; of course they must be so in the Catholics.